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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

This is to urge you to OPPOSE efforts by U.S. Telecom to amend the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in order to allow big providers to limit competition in the broadband market. I am a satisfied customer of a small but efficient provider of fiberoptic service, a service not offered by any of the big telecommunications companies in this area. And this service is offered at a modest price.

This is a flagrant effort by U.S. Telecom to limit broadband service not only where I live but in many parts of the country, including rural areas that have no current service at all.

It is common sense that limited competition means higher prices, and U.S. Telecom's efforts will not only limit available broadband service, they will result in higher prices as well.

We need MORE, not less competition in this market!

Sincerely yours,

Edward Jay